IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replaces the paragraph at Page 6, lines 7 – 21 with the following:

Figure 1 shows an overview of an exemplary hierarchical program specific information data structure for conveying multimedia object data, according to the invention. The structure comprises multiple hierarchically arranged and interlinked tables and multimedia objects (Object 1 and Object 2). The tables consist of arrays of data and parameters which are used to enumerate and describe collections or sequences of TV channels, TV programs, channel parameters, program parameters, associated multimedia objects and object parameters, etc. The exemplary hierarchical table arrangement of Figure 1 includes a Master Guide Table (MGT) 205, Additional Guide Data Table (ADGT) 216, and a Special Program Guide (SPG) 215 including Channel Information Tables (CIT-1, CIT-2, CIT-3), Event Information Tables (EIT-1, EIT-2), Network Information Table NIT 220, and optional tables such as Extended Channel Information Tables (ECIT-1, ECIT-2, ECIT-3), and Extended Event Information Tables (EEIT-1, EEIT-2).